NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Section 1, Nuisances declared; enumeration.

The existence of any of the following conditions on any vacant lot or other parcel of land within the corporate limits is hereby declared to be dangerous and prejudicial to the public health or safety and to constitute a public nuisance.

- (a) The uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds or grasses to a height in excess of twelve (12) inches, causing or threatening to cause a hazard detrimental to the public health or safety.
- (b) Any accumulation of animal or vegetable matter that is offensive by virtue of odors or vapors or by the inhabitation therein of rats, mice, snakes, or vermin of any kind which is or may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health.
- (c) Any accumulation of rubbish, trash or junk causing or threatening to cause a fire hazard, or causing or threatening to cause the accumulation of stagnant water, or causing or threatening to cause the inhabitation therein of rats, mice, snakes, or vermin of any kind which is or may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health.
- (d) Any condition detrimental to the public health which violates the rules and regulations of the county health department.

Section 2. Investigation

The mayor, upon notice from any person of the existence of any of the conditions described in Section 1, shall cause to be made by the appropriate county health department or town official such investigation as may be necessary to determine whether, in fact, such conditions exist as to constitute a public nuisance as declared in Section 1.

Section 3. Notification of property owner or occupant; failure or refusal to abate; abatement by town generally.

Upon a determination that conditions constitute a public nuisance exist, the mayor shall notify, in writing, the owner occupant or person in possession of the premises in question of the conditions constituting such public nuisance and shall order the prompt abatement thereof within three business days from the receipt of such written notice.

If any person, having been ordered to abate a public nuisance, fails, neglects, or refuses to abate or remove the condition constituting the nuisance within three business days from receipt of such order ...

Section 4. Cost of abatement by town to be billed to property owner.

The actual cost or a minimum of \$75.00 incurred by the town in removing or otherwise remedying the public nuisance shall be charged to the property owner.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

Adopted this 6th day of November, 2000.

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